

## **ACTION ITEMS FROM 11/21/03 STATION 31 TASKFORCE MEETING**

- Local 27 will draft a letter to its members and former members who have responded to the Station 31 Healthline email or voicemail. To insure the confidentiality of the Healthline information, the City will then forward the letter to those individuals.
- This week, the Fire Department received copies of two lists of Station 31 personnel compiled by the members of Station 31; one with the names of members with health problems; and one with the names of members who were assigned to Station 31 for 6 months or more.
- On Monday, November 25, 2004, the council will vote on the supplemental budget request to address issues at Station 31.

### **Issues Discussed and decisions made**

- The Fire Department has already begun collecting data about all persons who have worked at Station 31. The Department has hired four temporary employees to enter this information into a central database. The temps will begin work on November 24 and are expected to complete their work by December 19, 2003.
- The Labor and Industries investigation continues. Chief Morris was interviewed today by L & I investigators.
- NIOSH has assigned a physician, Dr. Tom Hale, from the Cincinnati office to work on the Station 31. Dr. Hale will merge the requests from Local 27 and management and issue a report. He has requested the dates of the epidemiology panel meetings and plans to attend these meetings.
- Paul Atwater discussed the importance of medical screening for all firefighters. Edsonya Charles noted that the issue he raised was an issue of whether all firefighters should be included in the epidemiology study, rather than for medical screenings. David Solet agreed that it was an issue of whether there should be a comparison group for the epidemiology study. He stated that this issue must be addressed by the epidemiology panel.
- There was a discussion of the exact dates that Fire Station 31 first became operational. A Fire Department newsletter states that personnel moved into the new Station 31 on January 1, 1975. Bruce Amer noted that some personnel may have been in the Station in late 1974. The log books will be searched for the date that personnel first moved into the station.